

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine new challenges facing the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which offers primary federal support to help needy households pay their energy bills, focusing on priorities for reauthorization; after receiving testimony from Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Administration for Children and Families; Jerry McKim, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Des Moines; Elliott Jacobson, Action, Inc., Gloucester, Massachusetts; and Theresa Hopkins Allsop, Northeast Utilities Foundation, Hartford, Connecticut.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3180–3188; 1 private bill, H.R. 3179; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 255–256 and H. Res. 271, were introduced. **Pages H7528–29**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2585, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish at the Chiloquin Dam on the Sprague River, Oregon (H. Rept. 107–255);

H.R. 1776, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas, amended (H. Rept. 107–256);

H.R. 483, regarding the use of the trust land and resources of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, amended (H. Rept. 107–257);

Conference report on H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–258);

Conference report on H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–259);

H. Res. 272, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–260); and

H. Res. 273, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–261). **Pages H7418–H7525, H7528**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7359**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by Mr. Antoine Incashola, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Pablo, Montana. **Page H7361**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7361**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Extension of Refugee Status for Certain Vietnamese Refugees:*** H.R. 1840, amended, to extend eligibility for refugee status of unmarried sons and daughters of certain Vietnamese refugees; **Pages H7362–64**

***Presentation of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor:*** H. Con. Res. 243, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor should be presented to the public safety officers who have perished and select other public safety officers who deserve special recognition for outstanding valor above and beyond the call of duty in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001 (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 408); **Pages H7365–68, H7387–88**

***Long-Term Care Security Act Amendments:*** H.R. 2559, to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 406 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 409); **Pages H7368–69, H7388–89**

***Congratulating Barry Bonds on His Record Breaking Season:*** H. Res. 266, congratulating Barry Bonds on his spectacular, record-breaking season for the San Francisco Giants and Major League Baseball; **Pages H7369–72**

***Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission:*** H.R. 2362, amended, to establish the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission; **Pages H7372–74**

***Norman Sisisky Post Office, Petersburg, Virginia:*** H.R. 2910, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3131 South Crater Road in Petersburg, Virginia, as the “Norman Sisisky Post Office Building” (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 410); **Pages H7375–79, H7389**

***Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon:*** H.R. 483, amended, regarding

the use of the trust land and resources of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; **Pages H7379–80**

**Chiloquin Dam Fish Passage Feasibility Study:** H.R. 2585, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish at the Chiloquin Dam on the Sprague River, Oregon; **Pages H7380–81**

**Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area Study:** H.R. 1776, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas; and **Pages H7382–83**

**First Responder Death and Injuries at the World Trade Center and Pentagon:** H. Con. Res. 233, expressing the profound sorrow of the Congress for the death and injuries suffered by first responders as they endeavored to save innocent people in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 411).

**Pages H7383–87, H7390**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:46 and reconvened at 6 p.m. **Page H7387**

**Order of Business—Treasury, Postal Appropriations Conference Report:** Agreed that it be in order at any time to consider the conference report on H.R. 2590, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that the conference report be considered as read. **Page H**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:23 p.m. and reconvened at 7:11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

**Pages H7525, H7527**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H7397.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:12 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

## Committee Meetings

### POSTAL SERVICE—SAFETY OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES AND MAIL

**Committee on Government Reform:** Held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service: The Safety of Postal Employees and the Mail. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: John E. Potter, Postmaster General; and Kenneth C. Weaver, Chief Postal Inspector, Postal Inspection Service; Mitch Cohen, M.D., Director, Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Department of Health and Human Services; James Jarboe, Section Chief,

Counterterrorism Division, Domestic Terrorism/Counterterrorism Planning Section, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT DISCHARGE EFFECTS

**Committee on Resources:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Discharge Effects of the Washington Aqueduct. Testimony was heard from John Parsons, Associate Regional Director, Lands, Resources, and Planning, National Capitol Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Patricia Gleason, Chief, Maryland and District of Columbia Watershed Branch, Water Protection Division, EPA; Col. Charles J. Fiala, Jr., USA, Commander and District Engineer, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

### SECURE TRANSPORTATION FOR AMERICA ACT

**Committee on Rules:** Heard testimony from Chairman Young of Alaska and Representatives Mica, LaTourette, Castle, Smith of Michigan, Ganske, Oberstar, Lipinski, Millender-McDonald, Bonior, Andrews, Jackson of Illinois, Carson, Inslee, Strickland, Udall of New Mexico, and Solis but no action was taken on H.R. 3150, Secure Transportation for America Act of 2001.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

### GAO'S REPORT—VETERANS' SERVICES

**Committee on Veterans' Affairs:** Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the GAO's report: "Veterans' Employment and Training Service Flexibility and Accountability Needed to Improve Service to Veterans" and the VA's implementation of the Vocational Training and Rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of Title 38. Testimony was heard from Julius Williams, Director, Rehabilitation and Employment, Department of Veterans Affairs; Charles S.